

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Chang for the indication that Claims 2-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 2 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in independent Claim 1, and Claim 1 has been canceled. The dependency of Claim 3 has also been changed. It is thus submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

As a final matter, Examiner Chang is kindly asked to indicate that the drawings originally filed with this application are acceptable.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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